

REMARKS

The present application has been amended in response to the Examiner's Office Action to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant, by the amendments presented above, has made a concerted effort to present claims which clearly define over the prior art of record, and thus to place this case in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2 and 5-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 5,864,394 (Jordan, III et al.), the Examiner rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jordan in view of United States Patent No. 6,885,950 (Misutake et al.), and the Examiner rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jordan in view of United States Patent No. 7,065,239 (Maaya et al.).

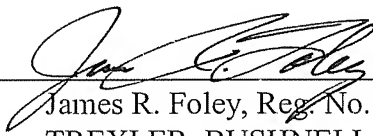
Claim 1 is the only independent claim which is pending, and claim 1 has been amended to further distinguish the claimed invention from that which is disclosed in the cited references. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to specifically claim the step of defining an appropriate product/device input dataset for a plurality of different die sizes and products, **wherein the dataset comprises a definition of a physical location of one die of each product and an indication for each product regarding whether the product is used or not.** Applicant respectfully submits that this is neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited prior art.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the application are allowable over the rejections of the Examiner. Should the present claims not be deemed adequate to effectively define the patentable subject matter, the Examiner is respectfully urged to call the undersigned attorney of record to discuss the claims in an effort to reach an agreement toward allowance of the present application.

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